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In Re Application of: )  
Huse and Freedman )  
Serial No.: 09/169,048 )  
Filed: October 8, 1998 )  
For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING )  
OPTIMAL BINDING LIGANDS )  
TO A RECEPTOR )

Group Art Unit: 1627

Examiner: M. Baker

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement  
mailed August 15, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is  
respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action lists claims 10-45 as currently  
pending, with claims 19-38 withdrawn from consideration as being  
directed to non-elected inventions. Therefore, claims 10-18  
and 39-45 are currently under consideration.

The Office Action alleges that the application contains  
claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed  
invention and that an election of species is required. The  
Examiner states that two separate elections are required  
regarding receptors and two separate elections are required